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Availability of Quality Raw Material for AYUSH
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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA, NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for sustained availability of quality raw materials for AYUSH system of medicine and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of pharmacies drug laboratories?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a): National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is established in the Ministry of AYUSH since 2000 to coordinate and support inter alia conservation, cultivation and sustainable development of medicinal plants for promoting the availability of quality raw materials used in the manufacturing of AYUSH medicines. National Medicinal Plants Board is implementing following two schemes for supporting development activities of medicinal plants sector in the country:

i) Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants
ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for medicinal plants.

Through the Central Sector Scheme, financial support is extended to the project proposals of developing agro-techniques and standards of quality, safety and efficacy of medicinal plants, for development of Good Agriculture and Collection Practices and certification of quality raw drugs, seeds and planting materials etc.

(b): Through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented since 9th Plan, Ministry of AYUSH provided grant-in-aid to 46 State Pharmacies and 27 Drug Testing Laboratories of Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy systems to strengthen their infrastructural and functional capacities. In 12th Five Year Plan, the scheme has been merged in to National AYUSH Mission, through which 18 States supported during the year 2015-16 for 9 pharmacies and 10 Drugs Testing Laboratories.
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